

Florence, New Jersey
March 1, 2006

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by President Fratinardo at 8:05 PM. President Fratinardo led the Salute to the Flag.

The following statement was read: "Notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice was published in the Burlington County Times on January 8, 2006; given to the Register News for information. Notice was posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board."

Upon roll call the following were found to be present:

John Fratinardo, President
Frank Baldorossi
Bruce Garganio
Elizabeth Ryan
Jerry Sandusky

Also present:

Mayor Michael Muchowski; Richard Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas Sahol, Assistant Municipal Administrator; Dante Guzzi, Township Engineer; Ellen Kearns, Township Solicitor; Joy M. Weiler, Township Clerk

MINUTES

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Ryan to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

Regular Session	January 18, 2006, February 1, 2006 & February 15, 2006
Closed Session	February 15, 2006

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Sandusky made a MOTION; seconded by Ryan to approve the Treasurer's Bill List. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing at this time.

APPLICATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Bott, 64 Riverbank Drive, stated when he was on the Zoning Board, approval was given to Friendly Storage on Route 130 with specific requirements for the sign. Now there is a marquee type sign that was not approved. Administrator Brook stated that he is aware and the Construction Code Official has sent out a formal violation notice.

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Mr. Bott questioned a fence application before the Planning Board. Mayor Muchowski stated that it was not on the Agenda last meeting. Mr. Bott stated on behalf of the Environmental Commission, they do not want the fence put up, but added that the fence is already up. Mayor Muchowski explained that they are going before the Planning Board with an amended site plan. Mr. Bott stated that if they are permitted to keep the fence, other companies will follow suit.

Mr. Bott voiced a complaint about the condition of a property on Hornberger Avenue. The owner of the property should be held responsible for improvements.

Mr. Bott stated that he would like to clear the record. Sometime ago he spoke at a Council Meeting regarding election signs. It was not his intent to point out a particular party or person. He was speaking in general regarding all election signs.

Steve Mognancki, 904 Walnut Street, asked if there was going to be a fee to the community organizations to use the new community center at the Roebling Fire House once the township takes it over? Mayor Muchowski stated that parameters still need to be set for the facility.

Paul Varga, 20 Fourth Avenue, noted that there was an unsightly vehicle parked on private property on Fifth Avenue with the windows broken out. He asked if anything can be done? Administrator Brook will look into matter.

Mr. Bott noted that there is also a vehicle parked in a township lot that does not appear to ever be moved. Council Member Sandusky saw the vehicle being towed there and spoke with the owner. She does live on Amboy Avenue and has a permit to park the vehicle there. He suggested that vehicles parked there with a permit must be in running condition. Assistant Administrator Sahol will look into matter.

All residents having an opportunity to be heard, MOTION by Sandusky; seconded by Baldorossi to close the public portion of the meeting. All ayes - motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-54

AUTHORIZING THE BURLINGTON COUNTY MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AERIAL MOSQUITO CONTROL ACTIVITY

It was on the MOTION of Sandusky, seconded by Ryan that Resolution 2006-54 be approved.

On the Question

Nothing at this time.

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Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

ORDINANCES

None at this time.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers

- Nothing at this time.

Mayor Muchowski

- Mayor Muchowski stated that Administrator Brook is in the final stages of preparing the budget. One of the topics is the police vehicles. This will be looked at before the budget meetings. Information will be in the packet for next week. Council Member Sandusky suggested a pick up truck for the police department.

Administrator

- Administrator Brook commended Detective Greenburg, Chief Dawson and Captain Gadbois for the program they are beginning with the school regarding kids and the internet. It is an important issue and the children do not realize the dangers they could be putting themselves in.

Assistant Administrator

- Nothing at this time.

Township Solicitor

- Nothing at this time.

Township Engineer

- Dan Guzzi, Township Engineer, passed out the bid results for the Community Development Block Grant and asked that it be on the Agenda for next week. The grant amount is \$85,000 and with the bids that came in, the base bid along with three or four of the alternates can be done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Sandusky attended the last basketball game to be held at the Florence Township High School where Mayor Muchowski presented the Proclamation to Lou Guadagnino, who was a longtime coach at Florence Township High School. He stated what a great moment it was. He thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation.

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STREET NAMES

Mayor Muchowski explained that Orleans, the development on Bustleton Road, needs three (3) street names, but there is only one (1) veteran name left. The last veteran name (Seamon) is a definite. The name Sutphin, who was firefighter who was killed in the line of duty, will be used. Assistant Administrator Sahol reviewed names of original landowners in that area from 1872 and 1876. Council Member Sandusky suggested a disabled veteran. Judges from the township were discussed. Council Member Ryan would like to see the judges names used in one (1) development, if possible. After further discussion it was decided to use Hughes as the final street name for Orleans. Hughes was a judge raised in Florence that went on to become Governor and Chief Justice.

It was on the MOTION of Ryan, seconded by Garganio to allow Orleans to use the street names; Seamon, Sutphin and Hughes.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Garganio, Ryan, Sandusky, Fratinardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Motion carries.

Clerk Weiler will notify Orleans developer and have them formally apply for the street names.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Nothing at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council Vice President Baldorossi wished Bill Bott a Happy Birthday!

8:35 PM MOTION by Sandusky, seconded by Baldorossi to adjourn meeting. Roll call vote - all ayes.

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER
Township Clerk

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